

CHAPTER III.

POPULATION.

ACCORDING to the 1881 census¹ the population of the district was 864,014 or 185·57 to the square mile. Of these Hindus numbered 791,277 or 91·58 per cent; Musalmáns 66,262 or 7·66 per cent; Christians 6322 or 0·73 per cent; Jews 89; and Pársis 64. The percentage of males on the total population was 50·28 and of females 49·71. The corresponding returns for 1872 were a total of 944,985 or 205·83 to the square mile, of whom Hindus numbered 865,776 or 91·61 per cent; Musalmáns 72,065 or 7·62 per cent; Christians 6931 or 0·73 per cent; Jews 123 or 0·01 per cent; and Pársis 90. Compared with the 1872 returns the 1881 returns show a decrease of 80,971 or 8·56 per cent. The decrease is due partly to the mortality caused by the 1876-77 famine, and partly to the emigration of the labouring classes to the neighbouring districts which took place at that time.²

Of 864,014 (males 434,485, females 429,529), the total population, 783,187 (males 400,119, females 383,068) or 90·64 per cent were born in the district. Of the 80,827, who were not born in the district, 25,755 were born in Kolhápúr; 24,060 in the Southern Marátha states; 8404 in Dhárwár; 4403 in Sátára; 4252 in Kaládgi; 2430 in the Konkan and Konkan states; 1930 in Goa, Daman, and Diu; 1890 in Sholápur; 1389 in Madras; 1150 in Kánára; 889 in the Nizám's Territories; 886 in Gujarát; 840 in Poona; 338 in Maisur; 240 in Bombay; 188 in Ahmádnagar; 171 in Khándesh; 55 in Násik; and 2057 in other parts of India and outside of India.

Of 864,014, the whole population, 556,397 (males 277,640, females 278,757) or 64·39 per cent spoke Kánarése. Of the remaining 307,617 persons, 225,008 or 26·04 per cent spoke Maráthi; 65,731 or 7·60 per cent spoke Hindustáni; 10,757 or 1·24 per cent spoke Telugu; 1810 or 0·20 per cent spoke Gujaráti; 1670 or 0·19 per cent spoke Tamil; 1270 or 0·14 per cent spoke English; 682 spoke Portuguese-Konkani or Goanese; 614 spoke Hindi; 36 spoke Tulu; 33 spoke Panjábi; 4 spoke German; and 2 spoke Arabic.

The following tabular statement gives the number of each religious class according to sex at different ages,—with, at each stage, the percentage on the total population of the same sex and religion. The columns referring to the total population omit religious distinctions, but show the difference of sex:

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¹ In 1837 and in 1846 the people of the Belgaum district as it was then constituted were numbered. The territorial changes which have since taken place make those figures useless for purposes of comparison.

² Some details of the Emigration during the famine time are given in Chapter IV.

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BELGAUM POPULATION BY AGE, 1881.

AGE IN YEARS.	HINDUS.				MUSALMA'NS.				CHRISTIANS.			
	Males.	Percentage on Males.	Females.	Percentage on Females.	Males.	Percentage on Males.	Females.	Percentage on Females.	Males.	Percentage on Males.	Females.	Percentage on Females.
Up to 1 ...	10,490	2.64	10,290	2.61	959	2.87	803	2.71	17	1.93	75	2.81
1 to 4 ...	33,379	8.40	34,173	8.67	2815	8.42	2846	8.65	233	6.36	258	9.50
5 to 9 ...	56,178	14.13	54,996	13.96	4981	14.61	4756	14.47	870	10.10	870	13.90
10 to 14 ...	56,355	14.18	46,981	11.92	4859	14.55	3863	11.75	805	8.33	271	10.18
15 to 19 ...	31,980	8.04	27,798	7.05	2663	7.98	2115	6.43	279	7.62	200	7.51
20 to 24 ...	30,849	7.76	34,525	8.76	2535	7.69	2673	8.75	349	9.25	240	9.01
25 to 29 ...	38,000	9.56	37,867	9.61	3168	9.48	3236	9.84	423	11.69	312	11.72
30 to 34 ...	36,051	9.06	37,529	9.52	2991	8.95	3162	9.62	427	11.66	256	9.62
35 to 39 ...	23,399	6.39	23,154	5.87	2105	6.30	1877	5.71	289	7.89	147	5.14
40 to 49 ...	40,553	10.20	38,677	9.81	3279	9.80	3190	9.61	300	8.19	238	8.94
50 to 54 ...	16,640	4.18	18,852	4.78	1321	3.95	1546	4.70	209	5.70	114	4.28
55 to 59 ...	6530	1.64	7168	1.81	513	1.53	579	1.76	88	2.40	40	1.50
Above 60 ...	14,978	3.76	21,935	5.56	1300	3.89	1957	5.95	323	8.82	155	5.82
Total ...	897,832		893,945		33,394		32,868		3661		2661	
PARSIS.				JEWS.				TOTAL.				
Up to 1 ...	1	2.23	...	...	2	5.55	11,521	2.65	11,280	2.62		
1 to 4 ...	4	8.88	2	10.62	3	5.66	1	2.77	38,434	8.88	37,275	8.67
5 to 9 ...	2	6.03	4	21.05	7	13.20	6	16.66	61,139	14.14	60,132	13.99
10 to 14 ...	9	20.00	4	21.05	7	13.20	4	11.11	61,535	14.16	61,123	11.90
15 to 19 ...	2	4.44	1	5.26	3	6.66	3	22.22	84,932	8.04	30,192	7.01
20 to 24 ...	5	11.11	1	6.26	15	28.30	2	5.55	38,743	7.76	37,646	8.76
25 to 29 ...	7	15.55	2	10.52	5	9.43	2	5.55	41,608	9.57	41,419	9.64
30 to 34 ...	4	8.88	...	...	1	1.88	4	11.11	39,424	9.07	40,861	9.53
35 to 39 ...	1	2.22	...	...	1	1.88	4	11.11	27,795	8.39	25,172	5.86
40 to 49 ...	7	15.55	4	21.05	8	15.09	1	2.77	44,147	10.16	42,080	9.79
50 to 54 ...	1	2.22	1	5.26	3	5.66	1	2.77	12,174	4.18	20,514	4.77
55 to 59 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7131	1.64	7787	1.81
Above 60 ...	1	2.22	...	...	...	...	1	2.77	18,602	8.82	24,048	5.59
Total ...	45		19		53		36		424,485		429,529	

Marriage.

The following table shows the proportion of the people of the district who are unmarried, married, and widowed :

BELGAUM MARRIAGE DETAILS, 1881.

	HINDUS.											
	Under Ten.		Ten to Fourteen.		Fifteen to Nineteen.		Twenty to Twenty-nine.		Thirty and Over.		Total.	
	Males.	Fe-males.	Males.	Fe-males.	Males.	Fe-males.	Males.	Fe-males.	Males.	Fe-males.	Males.	Fe-males.
Unmarried ...	96,796	80,724	48,899	11,939	15,346	1191	10,251	1751	3857	2681	169,949	98,286
Married ...	3006	17,984	11,334	32,443	15,348	24,477	54,825	62,243	115,956	71,163	200,469	208,315
Widowed ...	245	761	112	2594	1286	2130	3773	8398	20,438	73,471	26,914	87,344
	MUSALMA'NS.											
	Under Ten.		Ten to Fourteen.		Fifteen to Nineteen.		Twenty to Twenty-nine.		Thirty and Over.		Total.	
	Males.	Fe-males.	Males.	Fe-males.	Males.	Fe-males.	Males.	Fe-males.	Males.	Fe-males.	Males.	Fe-males.
Unmarried ...	8492	7977	4458	2375	1930	283	1869	131	521	191	17,326	11,007
Married ...	154	502	369	1409	634	1716	3611	5359	9521	6044	14,269	15,030
Widowed ...	9	16	32	79	48	116	223	574	1467	6046	1779	6381
	CHRISTIANS.											
	Under Ten.		Ten to Fourteen.		Fifteen to Nineteen.		Twenty to Twenty-nine.		Thirty and Over.		Total.	
	Males.	Fe-males.	Males.	Fe-males.	Males.	Fe-males.	Males.	Fe-males.	Males.	Fe-males.	Males.	Fe-males.
Unmarried ...	670	693	289	221	235	50	427	36	594	29	2215	1029
Married ...	4	5	16	47	43	188	324	433	938	433	1325	1058
Widowed ...	...	...	...	3	1	12	16	81	104	478	121	574